

Round 2.2 FAQ's

How do I obtain access to the web-based Round 2.2 Application?

You must submit a user access form to TXDRTechsupport@hntb.com . You can obtain a copy of the access form on GLO's website at www.glo.texas.gov or simply e-mail your request to TXDRTechsupport@hntb.com . Once you have obtained access you can complete and submit your application at <https://derric.txdrec.org/>

When can I submit my application?

We are already accepting applications, and we encourage you to submit them as soon as they are ready for review. The deadline for submission is 5:00 pm on Dec. 9th, 2011.

Do I need to submit a hard copy of my Round 2.2 Non-housing DR application?

No. Applicants are only required to submit an electronic application via the web-based application. Please note, however, that signed copies of all pages requiring signatures must be attached to the electronic application.

Who can I contact for disaster recovery related questions or technical assistance?

Please call 866-206-1084 or e-mail TXDRApplications@hntb.com

Can the same firm administer and provide engineering for the same grant?

No. The same firm cannot provide both Grant Administration and Engineering services for the same grantee for the same grant contract.

My community does not have a FFAST Form. Does that mean I will not be allowed to apply?

No. If your community has not turned in a FFAST Form, you may be allowed to apply. You must either 1) request an extension to complete the FFAST form or 2) In limited cases, if your community is within a County that has an approved FFAST Form and your community signs a Memorandum of Understanding or Interlocal Agreement with the County then the community may use the County's form. Please call the toll-free number above for details if this is the case for your community.

Does the FFAST Form need to be adopted?

Yes, the FFAST form does need to be adopted. However, due to time constraints, the form does not need to be adopted by the applicant prior to the application deadline. Please note, however, that the applicant must have their FFAST Form approved by GLO prior to the deadline. In addition, the applicant will not be awarded their grant amount until the FFAST form has been adopted.

How many public hearings are required?

The applicant must publish notice (minimum 72-hour notice) and hold one (1) public hearing prior to submitting the application. The notice must contain as much information about the proposed application, as available at the time publishing. The public hearing must discuss the proposed projects in the application that is submitted to GLO.

How do I calculate the allowable engineering cost?

Engineering costs are capped at 12% of the total estimated construction cost in the application. Applications with engineering costs which exceed the cap must be accompanied by written justification of engineering fees, in addition to the detailed scope of work and associated fee schedule (See page 20 of the Round 2.2 Application Guide) required for all applications (whether the cap is exceeded or not).

How do I calculate the allowable grant administration cost?

Grant administration costs are capped at the greater of \$10,000 or 6% or the amount of DR Funds requested (e.g. if \$1,000,000 is requested, the maximum Grant Administration costs to be paid with grant funds is \$60,000).

Does the Table 2 need to be signed by an engineer or architect?

No, Table 2(s) no longer require sealing by a registered Professional Engineer or Architect.

Will the cost of the required environmental reviews be paid out of the grant?

Yes, for Round 2.2, environmental costs will be paid out of DR Grant funds or local matching funds.

How is the number of environmental projects determined?

Determination of the number of environmental projects at the time of application is left to the discretion of the applicant. The applicant may decide how to group their construction projects, as appropriate, under a single environmental project to realize cost savings.

Is there an LMI requirement for Non-housing Round 2.2 DR Applications?

No. The LMI National Objective requirement from Round 2.1 has been dropped for Round 2.2. Applicants may apply under any National Objective: LMI, Urgent Need, or Slum and Blight. Please note that the Urgent Need must have been declared within 18 months of the date that the appropriate storm (Hurricane Ike or Dolly) made landfall.

How do I determine the population of low to moderate beneficiaries for my projects for Non-housing Round 2.2 DR Applications?

Please refer to the Survey Methodology Manual for guidance. It can be found on the GLO website at: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/GLO/disaster-recovery/nonhousing/forms-publications.html> .

How can I verify that my engineer is on the approved Master List?

The Engineering Firms Master List is available on the GLO's website at

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/GLO/disaster-recovery/nonhousing/forms-publications.html>

How can I verify that my grant administrator is on the approved Master List?

The Grant Administrator Master List for Round 2.2. is available at

<http://www.glo.texas.gov/GLO/disaster-recovery/nonhousing/forms-publications.html>